

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1 of the specification:

-- This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/686,579, filed October 11, 2000. --

Please add the following new paragraph on page 3, after line 8:

-- As can be seen in Fig. 1, the elastic openings of the tubes 14 will, when the beads are inserted, assume a size sufficiently smaller than the beads so as to retain the beads in tubes 14. When the user desires to replace the beads, the elastic properties of the tubes 14 will allow the openings of the tubes to be stretched to larger sizes thereby permitting removal and replacement of the beads. The elastic will allow repeated opening and closing of the tube openings.--

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure

A substitute abstract is attached.